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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: TAN, Z., et al.

Group Art Unit: 1731

Application No.: 10/668,387

Examiner: Jose A. Fortuna

Filed: September 23, 2003

For: CHEMICAL ACTIVATION AND REFINING OF SOUTHERN PINE PRAFT FIBERS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, DC 20231

Dear Commissioner:

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 6, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following Amendment and Remarks for the Office's consideration.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.